Chapman, Samuel Hudson

June 17, 1880

[to his brother, Henry Chapman, Jr.]

Bushnell, Charles Ira [subject]

[Describes his experience examining Mr. Bushnell's coin collection.]

[Stationary is from the Continental Hotel in NYC.]

CONTINENTAL HOTEL,
EUROPEAN PLAN,
20th STREET AND BROADWAY.

E. L. MERRIFIELD, Prop'r.

New York, 6th Nov 17th 1883
9 P.M.

Dear Harry,

I to-day examined Mr. Bushnell's Collection ~~and was~~ with him from 11 to 1.30 and from 2.45 to 7 P.M.

During the first period I examined his large cabinet 4ft 6in high x 1.4 x 6 containing 40 drawers filled with chiefly American and miscellaneous medals, about ~~XXX~~ ten of the trays containing coins. In the second period I examined two tin safe doors full of rarities. One contained only silver medals, the other his finest Colonials, Washingtons and cents.

I asked him this morning at what he valued his collection. He replied, "I valued it some years ago at $15,000 but will deduct as auction expenses &c

profit to the purchaser $3,000 leaving the amount $12.000, which I regard as very low and less than I would have accepted some years ago. I wish to sell the whole out privately for cash and would not wish to put it up at auction unless it was sold and might [illegible] formerly the property of."

The collection is just what Parsons wants as it may be said to consist of only fine medals of Colo Washington Colonials, Ontario, Samaritan shilling, migne, Brasher doubloon, N.E. shs sixpence nat N.Y. Excelsior + MMVNES, Carolina Elephant v.f. cc. 30 Mass. shillings

Washington, the Large Cent uncir, shs centre v.f. the Rattlesnake hast, 92 Cent in silver copper, ½ dol in s+c., migne ser. ½ dol.,

Will return on the 3.30 P.M. train to-morrow + we will then confer on the matter.

Chapman, Henry, Jr.

February 6, 1882

[signed with his brother's name as well]

[to their parents]

[Stationary is from the Grand Central Hotel, NYC]

Letter only.

[Explains the Bushnell situation.]

GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL,

New York, 2nd 6th 1882

My dear Papa & Mamma.

Your two very welcome letters full of good suggestions. recd. What a lot of trouble we have had! Bushnell say "dont take if you do not want to" we will not do any thing else" they said to day, that they had not any idea of any other pieces, but if they ever found them they would give us them word & honor they would turn them over to us, we asked them to put it on paper but the refused and said they would not give a reason for so doing. this looks bad and we told them so. We told them the pieces must be delt or their value ~~and~~ deducted and left them with this, to call again at 5 P.M. ~~and~~ They deny every thing that will in any way make them bring out the

pieces. X

It is a difficult matter to know what to do. but however will do our best. Sorry to hear of John R Shannons death would like to have been at the funeral. Have Adams Ex, Co look up that bill of Hacking of Lancefields pkg it was tied with the pckg. Marked Invoice.

Have just looked over our lists and belive Pannelee will come out whole at nine thousand and paying commis 15% on whole. do think we will go ahead. but will not decide to night with B Schmitt. will take our time and do our utmost.

Have not yet seen Sythe though have called there.

With love from both we are yours affectionately.

Hudson & Harry